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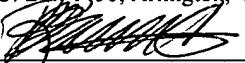
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Applicant: KATSUKI et al. Examiner: unknown
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

Applicants respectfully bring to the Examiner's attention that nine of the references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were cited in an International Search Report, enclosed herewith.

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A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

WO 00/42424 corresponds to JP 2002-535616. US 6,719,887 corresponds to JP 2002-202283. WO 00/42422 corresponds to JP 2002-535615. US 5,681,529 corresponds to JP 8-114539. US 6,391,265 corresponds to JP 2002-508698. US 5,958,199 corresponds to JP 9-243591. English abstracts are provided for JP 2002-189014, JP 2000-81407, JP 2000-338076, and JP 6-130023.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

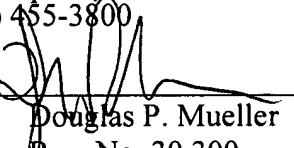
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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	6 719 887	13 April 2004	HASEGAWA et al.			
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